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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

RE: SB 261 – Motor Fuel Tax Rates – Consumer Price Index Adjustment – Repeal

Position: Favorable

Chairman Guzzone and Budget & Taxation Committee Members:

In 2013, the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act was signed into law to index the motor fuel tax rates to the annual change in the CPI for all motor fuels except aviation and turbine fuel.

SB 261 would remove the automatic motor fuel tax adjustment from being indexed to the CPI. Currently, Maryland has the 4th highest gasoline tax rate in the United States and the second highest among our surrounding states (igentax.com).

Our working families across the state are struggling in this economy due to rampant inflation, especially at the grocery store and the gas station. I believe if a change to the gas tax rate needs to be adjusted it should be done by the legislature annually with an up or down vote.

I respectfully urge a favorable report for SB 261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Gallion".

Senator Jason Gallion